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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Executive Director

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RE: AB 14 (Lowenthal) State Freight Plan

Background

AB 14 (Lowenthal) would require the State Business, Transportation & Housing Agency to prepare a State Freight Plan consistent with the federal requirements established in MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century) and submit it to the Legislature by December 31, 2014, with updates every five years thereafter. The plan is to be developed in consultation with an advisory committee, established by the Agency, including representatives of a cross-section of public and private sector freight stakeholders and must include an overview of the following:

- trends, needs and issues facing freight in California;
- performance measures that will be used to guide investment decisions;
- use of new technology to address freight needs; and
- inventory of key freight corridors and steps California is taking to address any key bottlenecks.

Recommendation: Support

Discussion

California invested \$2 billion in goods movement through Proposition 1B's Trade Corridor Improvement Fund in 2006, in combination with a \$1 billion air quality improvement program to mitigate the emissions associated with freight transportation. While this was an excellent first step, there is extensive planning work that remains to be done to help ensure California's transportation system can meet the goods movement demands of a growing economy while also protecting public health. AB 14 creates a statutory framework for regular freight plan updates and requires appropriate consultation with the key stakeholders. Because AB 14 will help ensure that freight planning becomes a regular, standard practice in California, we urge your support for the bill.


Known Positions

Support

None on file

Oppose

None on file



Steve Heminger